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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 7361

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, LA

SUBJECT: LPF VIEWS ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE OPERATIONS FUND

REF: VIENTIANE 7232, PARA 8

1. ON OCTOBER 26 EMBOFF CALLED ON SOTH PHETRASY,  
CHIEF OF LPF DELEGATION TO JOINT COMMISSION TO  
IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT, TO DISCUSS POW/MIA MATTERS,  
REPORTS ON WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED SEPTELS.  
DURING CONVERSATION, SOTH EXPOUNDED AT LENGTH, AS HE  
OFTEN DOES, ON LPF DESIRE FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN  
POST-PGNU PERIOD. EMBOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO INQUIRE  
ABOUT LPF VIEWPOINT TOWARD CONTINUED STABILIZATION  
ASSISTANCE (I.E. FELF) AFTER COALITION GOVERNMENT FORMED.

2. SOTH SAID LPF OFFICIALS HAVE NOT YET STUDIED FEOF,  
A QUESTION WHICH NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO  
ADDRESS. IT WAS LPF'S VIEW AT PRESENT TIME THAT "THIS  
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FORM OF AID WAS NECESSARY UNTIL PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT

WAS UNDERWAY." LPF OBJECTED TO AID THAT "WENT INTO POCKETS OF A FEW RICH PEOPLE IN VIENTIANE," AND WANTED TYPE OF AID "WHICH CLEARLY BENEFITTED PEOPLE OF LAOS IN BOTH ZONES."

3. SOTH'S REMARKS WERE NOT DELIVERED IN AN AUTHORITATIVE WAY. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM HIS COMMENT THAT LPF OBJECTS TO CERTAIN LUXURY ITEMS IMPORTED UNDER FEOF SUCH AS CARS AND MOTORCYCLES, BUT NOT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF THE FEOF MECHANISM DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUILIBRIUM IN LAOS. THEY TEND TO REINFORCE OUR CONCLUSIONS REFTEL THAT LPF HAS NOT FORMULATED ANY DIDACTIC IDEOLOGICAL OR POLICY OBJECTIONS TO CONTINUANCE OF FEOF, ALTHOUGH IT MAY EVENTUALLY PRESS IN CABINET MEETINGS, AFTER NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED FOR SOME REVISION OF ITS PROCEDURES.

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